**AGREEMENT**

between

the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Of Finland (the Ministry)

and

xxx (the Agency)

on the Government Grant to xxx

Name of the Agency:

Full address:

Telephone no:

Telefax no:

E-mail:

Bank information

Bank name, addre Bank name, address:

Account number:

Account holders name:

Sort code:

Swift:

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The following provisions shall be applied in respect of the implementation of this Agreement:

**1. Grant**

1.1 xxx The Ministry shall contribute funds (the Grant) up to a maximum for xxx euros for the carrying out of the Activities in the year 20xx

**or**

The Ministry shall, subject to annual parliamentary approval in Finland, contribute funds (the Grant) up to a maximum of xxx euros for the carrying out of the Activities during xxx.

1.2. The Grant is earmarked for xxx as outlined in the Approved Project Documents (Annex 2).

1.3. The first installment of the Grant xxx shall be paid to the Agency against a written request submitted to the Ministry, after the Agreement has come into force.

Subsequent disbursement requests (XX euros in 20XX and XX euros in 20XX) must be preceded by a progress report of the Activities and a report on the use of the contribution, as set in para 4 of the Agreement. The Ministry shall formally accept the reports prior to the disbursements.

**2. Annexes and the Government Grant Decision**

2.1 General Terms and Conditions for the Grant are set out in Annex 1.

2.2 Approved Project Documents (including budget) are set out in Annex 2.

2.3 Reporting Instructions are set out in Annex 3.

2.4 Ethical Code of Conduct is set out in Annex 4.

2.5 The Agency shall in all respects - when using the Grant and in its relation to the Ministry - comply with the Government Grant Decision concerning the grant and the provisions of this Agreement and Annexes 1-4.

**3. Specific Terms**

3.1 Acceptable costs of the Activities to be paid from the Grant are those outlined in the Approved Project Document, dated xxx (Annex 2) / and the General Terms and Conditions for the Government Grant (Annex 1).

3.2 The maximum share the Grant represents of the total costs incurred from the Activities may be no more than xxx euros.

3.3 In case the Agency receives income from other sources, either public or private, or income generated by the Activities this income may be used to cover the costs of the Activities together with the Grant without effecting the Grant or the disbursements as stated in this Agreement. However, the Grant, together with other public aid, may not exceed the maximum amount of State or other public assistance laid down in European Union or Finnish law.

3.4 The Grant shall be used for costs incurred during the period of xxx

3.5 In case the Agency transfers any part of the Grant to a third party in accordance with the Approved Project Document or as otherwise agreed with the Ministry, the Agency must enter into an agreement on the use and the supervision of its use and the terms of supervision with said third party. With respect to the Ministry, the Agency is fully responsible also for the part of the Grant it has transferred.

**4. Reporting**

4.1 The Agency shall, in accordance with the Ministry's instructions (Annex 3), provide the Ministry with a report on the implementation of the Activities and the use of the Grant. The report shall be made available to the Ministry according to the following:

**Type of report Reporting date**

Annual report XX/XX/20XX

Annual report XX/XX/20XX

Final report Three months after the completion of the Activities

4.2 The reports shall also include an external auditor’s report on the use of the contribution. The auditor must meet the requirements set by the authorities of the country of the Agency. The Agency shall also furnish the Ministry with any other information on the Activities and the use of the Grant that the Ministry deems necessary or as may be reasonably requested from time to time for public information, dissemination or other purposes.

4.3. The reports shall include gender and age disaggregated data on the recipients, as well as disaggregated data on persons with disabilities.

**5. Carrying out of Activities**

5.1 The Agency shall carry out the Activities in accordance with the Approved Project Documents and budget attached hereto as Annex 2 or as may be otherwise agreed in writing between the Ministry and the Agency. The Activities must be in harmony with the official principles regulating the development cooperation of the Government of Finland.

5.2. The Agency shall exercise all professional skill, care and diligence in the discharge of its duties under this Agreement as well as carry out all its responsibilities in accordance with professional administrative, accounting, auditing and other financial standards and practices, such as International Financial Reporting Standards. The Agency shall also ensure that no illegal or corrupt practices are connected with the use of the Grant. The prohibition of aforementioned practices applies also to the Agency’s subcontractors and any other third party to which the Grant or part of the Grant is forwarded to.

5.3. The Agency shall treat participants and other suppliers involved in a procurement procedure in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner, and shall act transparently, having regard to the requirements of proportionality. Invitations to tender as well as procurement contracts shall include a clause on the possibility of the tender being rejected and the contract being cancelled, in case any illegal or corrupt practices have been connected with the award or the execution of the contract.

5.4. No offer, gift, payment or benefit of any kind, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice, shall be accepted, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement or reward for the award or execution of procurement contracts.

**6. Sanctions and Prevention of Misconduct**

6.1 Consistent with UN Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism, including UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and 1267 (1999) and related resolutions, the Ministry and the Agency are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. The Ministry and the Agency are also committed to full compliance with other sanctions regimes, including targeted financial sanctions and other measures, adopted by the Security Council under Article 41, Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and economic and financial restrictive measures in force in the European Union, adopted under article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

It is the policy of the Ministry to seek to ensure that none of its funds are used, directly or indirectly, to provide support to individuals or entities designated by the UN or the EU as being subject to sanctions. To those ends, the Agency is committed to taking appropriate steps to ensure that funding provided by the Ministry to support the Agency is not provided to, or otherwise used to provide financial assistance or support to, persons or entities, terrorists or terrorist organizations, or any other legal person or government agency listed on the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List or EU sanctions regulations (as amended from time to time), and shall inform the Ministry immediately if, during the course of this Agreement, the Agency determines that any such funds have been so used.

6.2 The Agency shall implement zero-tolerance policy towards sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment as well as discrimination and abuse of authority. Such zero-tolerance policy shall also apply to cooperative arrangements with non-Agency entities and individuals. The Agency shall take robust and prompt action in response to any such allegations. In case any allegations arise, the Agency shall immediately inform the Ministry.

6.3 The Agency affirms that it has not been convicted for a crime. The Agency also affirms that it has not been declared bankrupt and that it has fulfilled its mandatory payments including, but not limited to, taxes and insurance payments. The Agency also affirms that it is not under any other severe financial difficulties.

**7. Information sharing**

7.1 The Agency and the Ministry shall promptly inform each other of any event or situation which might affect the implementation of the Activities and which may necessitate an agreement on a modification or an amendment in the scope or execution thereof, in the agreed budget or in other aspects of this Agreement.

7.2 The Agency shall, when requested by the Ministry, facilitate the participation of the officials or designated representatives of the Ministry in any preparation, review, evaluation or other meetings or missions concerning the implementation of this Agreement.

7.3 The Agency shall, in all its publications and reports concerning the Activities, specifically state that the Ministry has made available financial resources therefore.

**8. Special Provisions**

8.1 The Ministry shall not accept any responsibility or liability for any claims, debts, demands, damage or loss that may be made against the Agency as a result of the implementation of this Agreement.

8.2 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Ministry and the Agency shall be governed by the laws and regulations in force in Finland.

8.3 The Ministry and the Agency shall seek amicably to solve any dispute arising out of or in connection with the implementation of this Agreement. Failing such an amicable solution, the dispute shall be submitted to the District Court of Helsinki.

**9. Entry Into Force and Amendments**

9.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Ministry and the Agency and remain valid until all the obligations have been duly fulfilled by the Ministry and the Agency. In case the Agency fails to comply with the terms and conditions set out in the Government Grant Decision or this Agreement, the Ministry has the right to terminate the Agreement earlier by giving a written notice to the Agency three months prior to the termination.

9.2 Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be mutually agreed upon between the Ministry and the Agency in writing. The modification or amendment of the Agreement shall be preceded by a similar modification or amendment of the Government Grant Decision.

This Agreement is made in two originals in the English language and duly signed by the authorized representatives of the Ministry and the Agency.

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Place and date Place and date

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On behalf of the Ministry On behalf of the Agency

for Foreign Affairs of Finland

ANNEXES

1. General Terms and Conditions for the Government Grant

2. Approved Project Documents (including budget)

3. Reporting Instructions

4. Ethical Code of Conduct